

Having described the invention, I claim:

1. A bed frame for supporting a mattress, comprising at least first and second sections connectable to form a mattress supporting platform; and

said platform including a latch to hold said first and second sections together, said latch including engageable parts on said first and second sections that are engageable in response to relative sliding movement between said first and second sections toward each other when oriented horizontally.

2. A bed platform as set forth in claim 1 wherein said engageable parts on said first section and on said second section are disengageable in response to relative sliding movement between said first section and said second section away from each other when oriented horizontally.

3. A bed platform for supporting a mattress, comprising:
a first section and a second section connectable to form said platform;
a first one of said first section and said second section having a tongue and a second one of said first section and said second section having a latch for engagement with said tongue to latch said first section to said second section.

4. A bed as set forth in claim 3 wherein said latch comprises a latch pin movable in a direction transverse to said tongue into an opening in said tongue to block separation of said first section and said second section of said platform.

5. A bed platform for supporting a mattress, comprising:
a first section and a second section connectable to form at least a portion of said platform; and
said platform including engageable parts on said first section and on said second section that are engageable in response to relative sliding movement between said first section and said second section when horizontal.

6. A bed platform as set forth in claim 5 wherein said engageable parts are engageable in response to relative sliding movement of said first and second sections toward each other.

7. A bed platform as set forth in claim 6 wherein said engageable parts include a tongue on said first section and a latch on said second section.

8. A method of assembling a bed platform for supporting a mattress on a floor, the platform including a first section and a second section that are connectable with each other to form at least a portion of the platform, said method including the steps of:

placing the first section of the platform horizontal;

placing the second section of the platform horizontal and with an inner end portion of the second section adjacent to an inner end portion of the first section; and

moving the inner end portion of the first section and the inner end portion of the second section into engagement with each other while they are horizontal.

9. A method as set forth in claim 8 wherein said moving step includes moving a tongue on one of said first section and second sections into latching engagement with a latch on the other one of said first section and second sections.

10. A bed frame for supporting a mattress, comprising:
at least first and second sections connectable to form a mattress supporting platform; and

means for holding said first and second sections together to permit said platform to support the mattress, said holding means permitting said first and second sections to be slid together.

11. A bed frame as set forth in claim 10 wherein said holding means permits said first and second sections to be slid together when said first and second sections are horizontal.

12. A bed frame as set forth in claim 10 wherein said holding means comprises a latch and a member with an opening for receiving said latch.

13. A bed for use on a floor, said bed comprising:
a mattress platform; and
first and second bed ends for supporting said mattress platform at a position raised off the floor;
said mattress platform comprising a first section and a second section that are engageable by relative sliding movement when in a horizontal orientation.

14. A bed as set forth in claim 13 wherein one of said first and second sections includes a latch for engagement with the other one of said first and second sections.

15. A bed for use on a floor, said bed comprising:
a mattress platform; and
first and second bed ends for supporting said mattress platform at a position raised off the floor;
said mattress platform having temporary support legs movable between a lowered position supporting said mattress platform at a position raised off the floor to enable connection of said bed ends with said mattress platform, and a raised position off the floor.

16. A bed as set forth in claim 15 wherein said temporary support legs are pivotable between the raised position and the lowered position.

17. A bed as set forth in claim 15 wherein said mattress platform comprises at least first and second platform sections that are connectable to enable the platform to support a mattress by sliding movement when the sections are both horizontal.